ibagh, Bihar, by Archaeological Survey of India However, the exploration carried out during 1982-83 brought to light remains of an ancient tank, Pala temples, some images depicting Ganesa, Vishnu, Uma, Mahesa and Surya besides Buddhist sculptures, an image of Tara bears an inscription of Mahendra Pala

(c) and (d) During the cleaning operations by local students under NSS programme (not in excavation) some sculptures were noticed but no unauthorised excavation has been reported

(e) No, Sir

(f) and (g) Does not arise

Development of Piravom Road Station

5396 SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal for the development of Piravom Road Railway Station in Kerala, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

Ban on Contraceptives

5397 SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether some leading women s organisations demanded that Norplant and all other contraceptives be banned, and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D K THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) (a) and (b) Some women's organisations have made a representation to the Government suggesting that Norplant or any other long acting invasive contraceptive should not be introduced in the Family Planning Programme in the country and hormonal contraceptive preparations should be banned in the social marketing programme Their representation is under consideration of the Government

Pilferage of coal

5398 SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is increase in pilferage of coal from open wagons while on move

(b) whether any assessment of the loss of coal in transit has been made by the Railways during the last one year

(c) if so, the outcome thereof, and

(d) the measures proposed to be taken to check such pilferage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) Yes Sir

(b) to (d) Total loss of coal during transit on Railways have been reported worth Rs 36 32 539/ during the year 1990-91 as against loss of coal worth Rs 32,48,234/- reported during the year 1989-90 However, coal worth Rs 5,89,012 could be recovered by RPF during the year 1990 91 as against recovery of coal worth Rs 4,08,063/- made